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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A prefastened, refastenable absorbent article, comprising:

an outer cover extensible in a lateral direction of the prefastened absorbent article and having a moisture barrier;

a bodyside liner at least partially bonded to the outer cover and extensible in the lateral direction; and

an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the body side liner;

the outer cover, bodyside liner and the absorbent core defining a chassis having a waist opening,

wherein the prefastened absorbent article has a percent fit range of at least about 33%.

2. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the percent fit range is about 80% to about 150%.

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3. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising an elastic fit panel attached to the chassis.

4. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the chassis further comprises an elastic first side panel and a laterally opposing elastic second side panel.

5. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 4, further comprising a first fastener bonded to the first side panel and a laterally opposing second fastener bonded to the second side panel.

6. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 5, further comprising at least one attachment panel attached to a front waist region of the absorbent article, wherein each of the first fastener and the second fastener are releasably attached to the attachment panel.

7. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the attachment panel comprises a loop material, which is extensible in a lateral direction.

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8. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 6, wherein in a prefastened condition, the first fastener and the second fastener are laterally separated by at least about 2.0 inches with respect to the attachment panel.

9. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 6, wherein the attachment panel is passively bonded to a back waist region of the absorbent article.

10. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a spacer material at least partially bonded to the outer cover.

11. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising at least one extensible containment flap positioned along a first side edge of the prefastened absorbent article.

12. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 11, further comprising a second extensible containment flap positioned along a laterally opposing second side edge of the prefastened absorbent article.

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13. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a fastener feature having two laterally opposing hook-type fasteners prefastened to a loop component, wherein the two laterally opposing hook-type fasteners are spaced apart by at least about 2.0 inches in a lateral direction with respect to the loop component.

14. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 13, wherein the loop component is one of elastic and extensible in a lateral direction of the prefastened absorbent article.

15. (Currently Amended) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a ~~surge layer, the surge layer~~ tissue wrapsheet, the tissue wrapsheet is one of elastic and extensible in a lateral direction of the prefastened absorbent article.

16. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising a diaper.

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17. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising training pants.

18. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising absorbent underpants.

19. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising an adult incontinence product.

20. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising a feminine hygiene product.

21. (Withdrawn) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 1, comprising a health care garment.

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22. (Currently Amended) A prefastened absorbent article,
comprising:

a chassis having a front waist region, a back waist region and a crotch region intermediate the front waist region and the back waist region, the chassis defining a waist opening;

an outer cover having a moisture barrier, the outer cover one of elastic and extensible in a lateral direction of the absorbent article;

a bodyside liner at least partially bonded to the outer cover, the bodyside liner one of elastic and extensible in the lateral direction; and

an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the bodyside liner, the prefastened absorbent article having a percent fit range of at least about 33%.

23. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22,
wherein the chassis comprises an elastic material.

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25. (Currently Amended) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22, wherein the outer cover and the bodyside liner are one of elastic and extensible in ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal direction.

26. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 22, further comprising an extensible spacer layer positioned between the absorbent core and the outer cover.

27. (Original) The prefastened absorbent article of claim 26, wherein the spacer layer is partially bonded to the outer cover.

28. (Currently Amended) A pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article comprising:

~~[[an]]~~ a laterally extensible outer cover;

~~[[an]]~~ a laterally extensible bodyside liner connected to the outer cover in a superposed relation;

an absorbent core positioned between the outer cover and the bodyside liner, the outer cover, bodyside liner and the absorbent core defining a chassis having a waist opening;

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an extensible spacer layer positioned between the ~~backsheet~~ outer cover
and the absorbent core;

at least one extensible containment flap positioned adjacent a side edge
of the absorbent core; and

a fastening system including at least one ~~waist size adjustment means~~
~~having a~~ fastener and a corresponding loop component, the loop component
extensible in a cross machine direction to permit one of a front waist region and a rear
waist region to extend laterally beyond a width of ~~[[a]]~~ the chassis,

wherein the pant-like disposable absorbent article has a percent fit range
of at least about 33%.

29. (Currently Amended) A pant-like prefastened, disposable
absorbent article comprising:

an extensible outer cover;

an elastic waistband region;

a first elastic back ear bonded to a back waist region of the pant-like
disposable absorbent article;

an opposing second elastic back ear bonded to the back waist region;

[[and]]

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an extensible attachment panel, the outer cover, the waistband, the first elastic back ear, the second elastic back ear and the attachment panel providing a first fit range; and

at least one secondary component providing a second fit range not greater than about 150 mm less than the first fit range, ~~the at least one secondary component providing an additional fit range of at least about 220 mm.~~

30. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component is selected from the group consisting of an extensible or elastic fit panel including loop-type fastener components, at least one bellow, tissue wrapsheet pleats, an extensible spacer layer, and fasteners having a fastener spacing of less than about 5 inches.

31. (Currently Amended) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the back ears are bonded to [[a]] the back waist region of the absorbent article using attachment bonds having a length less than about 50 mm.

32. (Currently Amended) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises a waist elastic member attached to [[a]] the back waist region of the absorbent article at less than maximum stretch.

33. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises a waist elastic member attached to a front waist region of the absorbent article at less than maximum stretch.

34. (Currently Amended) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises an extensible spacer layer positioned between [[a]] the outer cover and an absorbent core.

35. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 34 wherein the spacer layer is not connected to the outer cover.

36. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises at least one containment flap, the at least one containment flap tacked down to a chassis at least about 50 mm longitudinally from the elastic waistband region.

37. (Original) The pant-like prefastened, disposable absorbent article of Claim 29 wherein the at least one secondary component comprises a pleated tissue wrapsheet, the pleated tissue wrapsheet connected to an extensible bodyside liner of the absorbent article.